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SUBJECT/GREEK-EC RELATIONS : REQUEST BY CARAMANLIS

FOR US ASSISTANCE

REF: A. ATHENS 1011; B. ATHENS 1000

1. I SPOKE FURTHER WITH MOLYVIATIS, CARAMANLIS' OVER-ALL ASSISTANT, ABOUT GREECE'S PROBLEMS WITH THE EC COMMISSION REPORT (REFTELS). HE SAID THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD APPRECIATE THE USG DOING ANYTHING IT COULD TO HELP PERSUADE THE EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD GREECE'S APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY.

2. I TOLD MOLYVIATIS THAT I WOULD CONVEY CARAMANLIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON BUT THAT I FELT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR THE USG TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS PROBLEM AT THIS STAGE, THAT IT SEEMED TO ME THIS WAS A MATTER FOR THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT DIRECTLY WITH THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. MOLYVIATIS SAID HE COULD SEE THE DIFFICULTIES BUT NONTHELESS WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CARAMANLIS TO ASK ME TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT IN WHATEVER WAY THE USG FELT IT COULD.

3. COMMENT: I EXPECT TO SEE CARAMANLIS AT A PRIVATE DINNER THURSDAY EVENING, FEB 5, AT
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BITSIOS' APARTMENT. IF I COULD HAVE SOME REACTION

OR GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT BEFORE
THAT TIME IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.
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